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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, to whom we address our prayers and petitions and from whom comes every good gift, we pray for the strength of mind and body and spirit so we will do the works of justice and mercy. As the prophet Isaiah has reminded us, we can grow weary and tired in our labors and yet we are comforted by the prophet's words that they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary. We pray for Your strength, O God, that sustains in all the seasons of our lives, so we will do Your good work this day and every day. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KAPTUR led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will receive 15 1-minute speeches on each side.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, it is my happy privilege today to recount our Contract With America and where we are in its fulfillment. Our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will: Force Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget. We have done this.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we have done this; unfunded mandates legislation—we have done this; line-item veto—we have done this; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we are now doing this; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulatory reform; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America, and this is why Americans feel better and better about their Government.

BASEBALL FANS LOSE

(Mr. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, greed has won and America and baseball fans have lost. Baseball has become just another big faceless conglomerate and no longer the national pastime. The owners won't give. The players won't give. The White House tried its best. Now it's time for the Congress to step up to the plate and not stay in the bleachers.

Let us support the President and his call for binding arbitration. That doesn't mean taking sides between these two Goliaths. This is just a dispute about money and the heck with everyone else.

On behalf of America's fans, we should not stand for this.

And who will stand for the hot dog vendors and the ushers and the concessionaires and all of those who depend on baseball for a job?

Can we imagine even another summer without baseball? For many of us, that is a matter of national security that requires us to intervene.

OMISSIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

(Ms. MOLINARI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MOLINARI. Mr. Speaker, rock-a-bye baby in the tree tops, thanks to the President's budget, your cradle you all going to have to hock.

It appears that the White House left out an important section of their 1996 budget, the section called generational accounting detailing how much future generations must cough up in taxes to pay for his budget priorities.

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